



# Township Register

COVERING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING  
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## EBRIGHT HEADS TOWNSHIP CIVILIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL

CENTERVILLE — An advisory board of civilian defense, to coordinate the defense activities of this Township was organized Sunday afternoon in the Justice courtroom here with A. W. Ebright of Niles elected to serve as head.

About 30 persons in key positions throughout the Township were present to hear Sheriff "Jack" Gleason explain a mimeographed plan of organization and operation laid out by the County Civilian Defense Council. This plan has to be used uniformly by incorporated cities and unincorporated districts, he said.

Chief Ebright appointed the following steering committee to include a representative from each town: Judge Norris, Centerville; E. F. Glassbrook, Niles; L. W. Musick, Decoto; Joseph Corey, Irvington; Matt Whitfield, Mission San Jose (and Warm Springs); H. J. Bolyard, Newark and J. C. Wasley, Alvarado.

This committee met with the Sheriff Tuesday evening in justice court here to map out their immediate program of operation, patterned on the mimeographed folder left by Sheriff Gleason.

The Sheriff emphasized on Sunday that the Air Observation group, working under Jack Vieux of Niles as chief is governed only by the Fourth Interceptor Command and is not subject to the Sheriff's office or any other authority.

### — Insists on Courtesy

The Sheriff insisted that all emergency officials must show courtesy and tact when dealing with the public, and must prevent hoodlumism and other unlawful activities during blackouts.

Public Information is of the utmost importance, the Sheriff stated.

William Davis of Niles, president of the Drop Forgers Union at the Pacific States Steel plant said he had 250 able-bodied men ready and anxious to serve for the Township's protection in any capacity given them.

(Editor's note: this fine body of men no doubt can be registered and trained for bomb work and as auxiliary firemen, all three activities corre-

lated with local fire departments. They can also assist garagemen and contractors in the rescue and demolition group as soon as the latter activity is organized and workers are asked for.)

### — Use Fire Houses

The Sheriff insisted first aid equipment will have to be located in Township firehouses for emergency use, pointing out the nurses and doctors could use schoolhouses for care of patients after emergency treatment, as they saw fit.

A representative each of the telephone company and the county surveyor's office will have to be members of the Township Council, he said. The services of Boy Scouts over 16, particularly those with bicycles should be listed for messenger duty during emergency periods. Boys under 16 are not sufficiently responsible, he said.

Officer Starasnic from Hayward has been assigned to permanent duty in Washington Township as Information and Liaison Officer, he announced.

NO CHANGES can be made in the administrative set-up laid down in the information manual put out by the County Civilian Defense Council, he emphasized.

OCD arm bands are on their way here for the use of emergency officials. His local Deputies are already wearing them.

So soon as volunteers are wanted to sign up for duty in activities yet to be formed, the public will be informed of the time and place of registering, through this newspaper and otherwise.

## COUNCIL BECOMES INACTIVE

Meeting at Centerville again Tuesday night for organization, Chief Ebright and the eight council members decided, after two hours of discussion, that the duty of protecting Washington Township residents was being properly cared for by county officials, hence there was no incentive for a local group to function.

The council adjourned sine die, subject to call should orders be received from county authorities to proceed with any specific undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth are entertaining eighteen members of their family on Christmas Day.

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TOWNSHIP DEFENSE USE

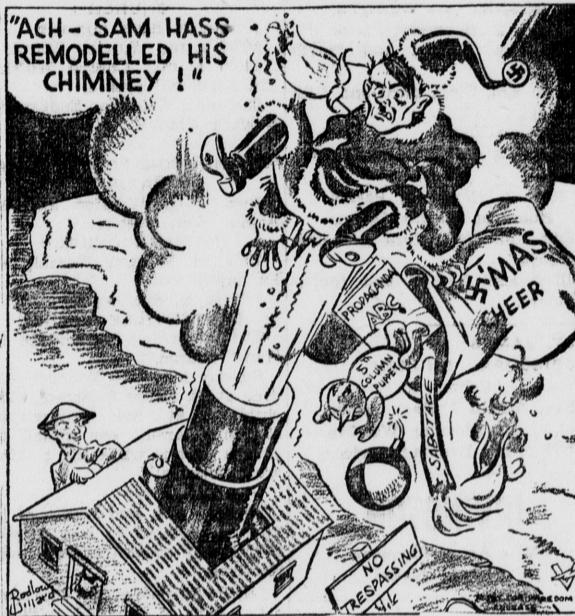
District Attorney Ralph Hoyt told your editor Sunday by telephone that if county funds were needed for a particular emergency defense use in Washington Township, requests stating the specific purpose should be sent to his office for study, following which such requests would be sent to the Board of Supervisors for action.

The Roland Bendel family are spending Christmas at Mill Valley at the home of Mrs. Bendel's sister Mrs. E. C. Wood.

## OUR BOX SCORE

(Since the war started)  
At Bat: United States, England, the Dutch and China.  
Our Inning.

PUT-OUTS:  
Nazi submarines: 15.  
Jap submarines: 3.  
Jap cruiser: 1.  
Jap transports: 19.  
Jap destroyers: 3.  
Jap motor ship: 1.



## Public Instruction Classes Start Soon

CENTERVILLE — Classes in public instruction in emergency work, starting with the standard Red Cross first aid classes, will start soon after the holidays, according to Barton Webb, evening high school principal.

Dr. E. C. Grau of Niles will personally instruct the first one-third of the series of 12 or 14 class periods; Dr. W. L. McWhirter of Centerville the second third of the series and Dr. George Holeman of Centerville the final one-third, according to Mr. Webb.

Instruction will cover first aid, resuscitation, handling of the injured, splints, treatment of gas, shock, and asphyxiation.

Announcement will be made soon of when interested persons should begin to sign up.

## OUTDOOR LIGHTS ARE O. K. IF MANUALLY HANDLED

Outdoor advertising signs including neon signs, may now be lighted regularly, provided they are controlled by a switch which can be thrown by a person over 18 years of age, within 30 seconds of the sounding of an air raid warning.

This permission is contained in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 364 unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday of last week, a copy of which may be seen at The Township Register office. The Ordinance is too lengthy to publish in full, and comes under the heading of Legal Notice advertising anyway.

It also governs activities of persons during blackouts, provides stiff penalties for violations, defines emergency officers and emergency duties, and defines their privileges.

## SHERIFF'S CAR ON 24 HOUR DUTY IN THIS TOWNSHIP

For the past several months a car from the Sheriff's office at Hayward has been assigned to 24 hour patrol duty exclusively in Washington Township. Deputy-Sheriff Henry Vervais advises this newspaper.

In emergency, when Deputy Vervais cannot be contacted citizens should CALL HAYWARD 1642, which is the Sheriff's office and the Sheriff's short wave radio will relay the call to the patrol car wherever it may be in this Township.

Write down the above number by your telephone, to be handy in case of need.

— Drive slower, save gas! —

## RELAX! RELAX . . .

Adjutant General Donovan's letter to this newspaper of December 17, requesting with holding of publication of State Guard activities, assignments of personnel, etc. apparently has not reached the big dailies.

Monday's San Jose daily newspaper bears a clear three column picture of a big gun parked in somebody's driveway in the residential district of San Jose, showing a soldier on guard, with the caption: "and there are many more of these big guns here, oiled up and ready for action." Japanese spies please note.

Monday's Tribune shows a swell picture of Marines assigned to guard duty at an Alameda manufacturing plant, name and location of plant given.

So what's the use of a small weekly endeavoring to observe censorship? Pour in your military news, folks, and until the dailies begin suppressing it this newspaper will publish what news it gathers, letting the government worry about possible results. — The Editor.

## ADDITIONAL WARNING

Arrangements have been made that during air raid alarms the big steam whistle at the California Pottery company at the entrance to Niles Canyon will be sounded as soon as the watchman can reach it. This will help to apprise Canyon residents to black-out. Deputy-Sheriff Henry Vervais advises this office.

The postoffice reports that the sale of defense stamps here has hit a new high and more patriotic Americans are buying them every day.

## RED CROSS NEEDS \$5,000; NILES MUST RAISE \$1,000 NOW

CENTERVILLE — In keeping with President Roosevelt's request for \$50,000,000 for emergency use of the Red Cross the Washington Township Chapter is hard at work to raise its \$5,000 quota.

Chairman F. T. Dusterberry spent the weekend sending out letters to firms and organizations, and community chairmen of this special drive have been named and are at work.

R. A. Blacow, Niles Chairman called a meeting of his committee Monday afternoon at the Central Bank in Niles and solicitation has been started to raise Niles' quota of \$1,000.

Chairman Dusterberry has named the following town chairmen for the current solicitation for funds: Alvarado, John R. Blacow; Centerville, M. P. Mathiesen; Decoto, Harry Seales; Irvington, Carl Christensen; Mission San Jose, Fred Semas; Newark, Anthony E. Francis; Niles, Robert A. Blacow and Warm Springs, Joseph S. Brown.

## STATE GRANTS HALF MILLION FOR GUARD USE

### BILL PERMITS MEN TO RESIGN AFTER 30 DAYS NOTICE

SACRAMENTO — After four continuous days of confusion the state legislature on Monday night granted the Governor the sum of \$1,000,000 for his emergency fund use, half of it to be devoted to State Guard use. The law-makers will convene again on January 12, ready to vote further appropriations if specifically needed.

Another bill, introduced by McCollister, passed Monday by both houses and awaiting the governor's signature Tuesday, would permit Guardsmen to resign during the next 30 days, under certain conditions, namely:

If they have one or more dependents; if they are employed or engaged in a defense industry; for physical disability, or if continued service outside their home counties entailed hardship or business losses.

(It is not clear whether the McCollister bill permits Guardsmen to resign, when necessary, after any 30 day period, or only during the specific 30 day period after the governor signs the bill.)

No orders nor direct communication have been received at the Niles office of the Township Guard company from the Adjutant-General's office, since a telephone call of Wednesday, December 19, other than the routine releases of promotions made within the Guard throughout the state.

Meantime, about 40 of the 99 men who have signed up with the local outfit since September 8, are drilling regularly twice a week in the Washington High school gymnasium under the command of Reserve Lieutenant J. L. Pearson of Niles, himself awaiting a call into active service.

The older men, particularly those with dependents and day or night jobs in local defense industries are not turning out for drill of late, due to the uncertainty of their status should the local Company be ordered to prepare to be mustered in. Men of the latter class, who are willing to serve if the company is retained on guard duty within the Township, probably will not "join up" if the company is to be mustered in and assigned to other duties outside the county.

The issue hinges on if and where the enemy strikes on the Pacific Coast — and when orders issue from the A. G. O., and what these orders say.

— Talk, Act American! —

## THE CALL TO THE COLORS IS A CALL FOR DOLLARS!



Dig deep. Strike hard. Our boys need the planes, ships, and guns which your money will help to buy.

Go to your bank, post office, or savings and loan association. Tell them you want to buy Defense Bonds regularly, starting now.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

NEWARK — A High Mass was held Christmas morning at 8 a. m. at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Newark. A low mass with Christmas hymns was celebrated at 10 a. m. Father McLaughlin, pastor, states "that Christmas this year finds the world in a sorry state, but only the Prince of Peace can restore that peace which we all so earnestly desire."

## CHILDREN ENJOY BLUEBIRD CLUB'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

NEWARK — The yearly Christmas party given by the Newark Bluebird Club was held Friday afternoon at the school auditorium for the school children and smaller children of the town. The four lower grades with their play entitled, "Doll Time" stunned the audience. The glee club also sang Christmas Carols. Pratt D. Truscott played a trumpet solo entitled Silent Night while Arthur Brown played the same song on the violin.

About 500 people were present. Toys and candy were given out by the Bluebird women, Mrs. Callow, Mrs. Mikkelsen, Mrs. Tuchsen, Mrs. James Miller, and Mrs. Steinhoff.

## BEAUTIFUL CAROL SERVICE IS HELD AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

(Special to The Register)

CENTERVILLE — An uncom- monly beautiful candle-lit Carol service was held Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock in St. James Epis- copal church here as a union service between the several Protestant churches of the Township with Reverend Arnold Nash in charge.

Dr. Elton Trueblood of Stanford University delivered a challenging message on the Christian's position in a war-torn world.

An augmented choir from the several churches sang half a dozen of the well-known Carol hymns and a lay reader from each of the five churches participating read from the Gospels.

The interior of the church was lighted only by candles mounted on long rods around which evergreens twined fragrantly. The auditorium was filled with Christmas worshippers.

*Merry Christmas to All*

The same old greeting, but with the added fervor of many years' repetition.

It is our sincere wish that each member of your family will enjoy the most bountiful and happiest Christmas ever!

And may we add a word of thanks for your much appreciated patronage during the year.

Mr. and Mrs.

**DAN MARBLE**

Niles



Once again the reindeer sweep down from the North with their cargo of cheer. About time that we were thinking of the friends who have so loyally remembered us.

Your generous patronage has helped make our year a good one, and we are taking this means of sending you a word of personal thanks to let you know how much we value your friendship.

We sincerely hope that your holiday season will be exceptionally happy.

**HENRY MILLER CLEANING SERVICE**

THE NILES CLEANERS

Niles 94

Centerville 183



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL**

Like a Genie of Benevolence, the Christmas spirit overspreads the land, and none can escape its magic spell. No better time than this universal season of good will to tell you how greatly we appreciate the good

will you have shown us during the past year. We list your friendship among our most precious assets, and will leave nothing undone to merit still further your full and complete confidence.

*Ring out wild bells, 'tis Christmas! Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year, and, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us all—everyone!*

**P. C. HANSEN LUMBER CO.**

NILES - DECOTO - CENTERVILLE

California

**Church News**

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — DECOTO

Rev. T. Hennessy, Pastor  
8:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays.

10:00 a. m. First, third and fifth Sundays.

## CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH NILES

Rev. T. Hennessy, Pastor  
Hours of Sunday Masses  
8:30 a. m. First, third and fifth Sundays.

## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Centerville  
Rev. Arnold J. Nash Rector.  
11 a. m. Morning Worship.  
7:30 p. m. Evening services.

**IRVINGTON**

Miss Agnes Raymond  
Correspondent

The Phoebe Hearst Council of the P. T. A. meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13 from 10 to 3 at the Irvington Elementary School.

Large amounts of groceries were presented to the Irvington P. T. A. by the school children who held a Can Drive for Christmas baskets. The drive was a success according to Mrs. L. H. Adams, chairman.

Miss Rose Marshall of Irvington is spending Christmas week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Garcia at Santa Clara.

Miss Milda Wagner of Oakland spent a few days of this week with Mrs. Florence Medeiros of Irvington.

Mrs. Mae Raymond returned to her home on Christmas Eve after being confined to the San Jose Hospital for several days. Mrs. Raymond's many friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller of Oak- land, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Patrick and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Viada of Pleasanton were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sinclair on Christmas day.

## IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Arthur A. Kirk, minister.  
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m. Church Worship.  
Mr. Kirk will preach.  
6:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor at Newark Church.

## WASHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Rev. J. L. Webster and Mr. Arthur Kirk, Pastors.

## NEWARK CHURCH

10 a. m. Morning Worship and Sunday School.

7:30 p. m. Evening Service.

## CENTERVILLE CHURCH

11:15, Morning Worship in the "new" church.

Sunday school — Younger children at St. James Episcopal, older children at the Presbyterian church. Parents can attend the church service while the children are in classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Karius of Irvington motored to Los Angeles where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Lucille Sinclair of San Jose spent a few days of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sinclair here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garcia and daughter Lorraine of Turlock visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Medeiros of Irvington on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thornburg are spending a two weeks visit with friends in Southern California.

Mrs. V. W. Dycus and daughter Gloria Dukatnik and Vincent Dycus, all of Oakland visited friends in Irvington on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Grimmer and family enjoyed Christmas dinner with relatives in Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Champion, former residents of Irvington who are now residing in San Miguel visited friends here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Gianan- drea and family of Santa Barbara spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mary G. Nunes and daughter Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Silva had a family reunion Christmas dinner at their home on Roberts Avenue on Christmas day.

Mrs. Wayne Day was chairman of the annual Christmas party which was given by the Irvington P. T. A. at the closing program for Christmas vacation at the Irvington Elementary school. A large amount of Christmas candy and big red apples was given the children by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

The Irvington Campfire girls accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Benbow and Mrs. L. H. Adams spent an enjoyable afternoon of ice skating at the San Jose Ice Bowl Monday afternoon. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Adams upon the return of group to Irvington.

## TANGLE AND TWIST MEMBERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER

MISSION — The Tangle and Twist Rifle and fishing club held their annual Christmas dinner at the International Kitchen, Niles, on December 17, with some fifty persons present. President Robert Hunt, Sr., greeted the members and their guests and turned the meeting over to Marston Dassel as toast master. The six course turkey dinner was enjoyed by all present. During the evening songs and fun were in evidence around the table.

The gavel was turned over to the new president, Tony Costa, for the coming year and he gave a short speech of acceptance. The National Rifle Association of Washington, D. C. awarded a senior and junior medal for marksmanship and these were won by Robert Hunt, Sr., and his son Robert, Jr. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt and Marjorie and Robert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peterson and son Ray, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Cramen Mrs. Joe Janeiro, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Janeiro, Mr. Al Halstrom and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Sabine and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and sons George, Jr. and Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zwissig, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dutra, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Silva, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steinmetz, Frank Dias, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Bettencourt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cunha and Tom, Jr. and Shirley, Mrs. Lois Justus and Elaine, Ruth and Bert Justus, Mrs. Grace Meyers and Joseph Periera, Mr. and Mrs. Marston Dassel and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Costa and daughter Alby May. The only two members absent were Joe Janeiro and Harley L. Justus, the latter at McClellan Field, Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caldera of Hayward, Kay Cole and Leah Williams of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Frates of Oakland visited with the Raymond family on Christmas day.

Mr. Raymond Benbow attended the annual Campfire dinner on Saturday of the Y. W. C. A. in San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rabello of Oakland enjoyed their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Soito and daughter Beverly here.

The next meeting of the Irvington P. T. A. will be an afternoon meeting on January 8 at 2:30 p. m.



The same kind of a Christmas we knew when we were boys and girls, when bob-sleds plodded merrily over country roads and the brooding peace of Yuletide dwelt everywhere in the hearts of men.

... that is the kind of an old-fashioned Christmas we are wishing you now.

And with our wish may we extend a word of thanks and appreciation for your continued friendship and patronage.

**WESLEY HOTEL**

Pratali and Moise

Niles

**Our Wish for You . . .**

Our genuine "Merry Christmas to All" . . . our friends and customers. Pleasant times like Christmas always remind us of the pleasure we have had in the privilege of doing business with you. May good luck attend your every wish this Christmas! And may holiday good cheer brighten the hours of this glorious season!

**VIEUX BROS.**

Electric Appliances

Jack Vieux

Niles

## NILES CHURCH HOLDS CHILDREN'S PARTY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The annual children's Christmas party was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Niles Congregational church with Mrs. Fred Duffie, Sunday School superintendent, directing. A number of vocal and instrumental numbers were given by the children with many recitations, followed by a pageant, "Star Gleams." The auditorium was filled and bags of candy were distributed.

Assisting Mrs. Duffie were Mrs. G. W. Karel, pianist, and Mes- dames Julia Jergentz, Donald Uishner, Lloyd Boulter, W. T. Lindsay and Hilliard Hale, all class teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Benbow and family are spending the Christmas weekend with relatives in Woodland.



We hope you spend Christmas with all your heart. Laughter, kindness, simple cheer, peace of spirit, and gifts galore!

We are grateful to you for your kind patronage during the year, and look forward to continuance of our pleasant relationship.

**NILES SWEET SHOP**

Dorothy Nickel, Mgr.

Niles

San Francisco has installed eight huge air-raid sirens, each of which can be heard over a radius of more than six miles.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



TIDINGS OF JOY 1941

**A**MONG the most cherished remembrances of the past year are the pleasant relationships we have enjoyed with the people of this community.

To old friends, to new friends, and to friends-to-be we extend the season's greetings. May all of you experience the choicest blessings of the Christmas season.

## FLORENCE RESTAURANT

Niles



Joyful Yuletide

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

**★**We celebrate now the birth of one who gave us the Sermon on the Mount, the keystone of whose arch was the injunction "Love ye one another." Upon this firm foundation all human friendship is built.

We have been proud to count you among our loyal friends for many years, and now renew our pledge of friendship. We also take this opportunity to extend to you all good wishes for a joyful Christmas and holiday season.

## SCOTT'S SHOE STORE

H. L. SCOTT  
Niles

Among the most cherished gifts bestowed by the passing year is the friendship and pleasant relations that have existed between us. We hope for a continuance of this friendship during the year to come, and, in the spirit of the season, we cordially greet you and wish you the most Merry of Merry Christmases.

## D. R. REES

PHARMACIST  
Niles New Drug Store  
Niles

## JOSEPH M. SANTOS, PIONEER RESIDENT, ANSWERS SUMMONS

**N**EWARK — Joseph M. Santos, 80 years of age, a resident of Newark for over thirty-five years, passed away at his home on Olive Street Thursday of complications due to old age. He had been failing in health in the past few months. About six months ago he celebrated his 80th birthday when a family reunion of eight brothers and sisters boasting an average of 71 years of age gathered at his home in Newark.

He came to this country from the Azores at the age of 15 and settled in Mission San Jose in 1876. About five years ago he retired as county roadmaster for the town of Newark, a position he had held for over twelve years.

He was a member of the U. P. E. C. Lodge of Newark, I. D. E. S. Lodge of Newark, and numerous other organizations. Until his death he had been residing with his daughter, Miss Rose Santos.

Church services were held Monday morning at St. Edward's Catholic church in Newark with Father McLaughlin officiating. Burial rites followed at the Holy Sepulchre cemetery in Hayward. The body was laid out before funeral rites at the Chapel of the Palms mortuary in Centerville. He was buried alongside his wife, who passed away twelve years ago.

The pallbearers were John Pope, Bert Martin, John Espinola, Joe Guardianapo, Frank Meneze, and John Faria.

He is survived by four daughters, Rose Santos, and Mrs. J. D. Silva of Newark; Mrs. Clara Gomez of Livermore; and Mrs. Emily Reider of Newark; two sons, Manuel "Chick" Santos of Centerville, and Anthony Santos of San Jose; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Dutra, 76 of Centerville; Mrs. Mariana Dutra, 74, of Newark; Mrs. Annie Amarel, 66 of Alviso; and Mrs. Clara Mendonca, 62 of Oakland; three brothers, Manuel M. Santos, 78 of Oakland; Marion M. Santos 64 of Oakland, and Anthony Santos, 58 of Alvarado; five grandchildren, Maurice and Lorraine Silva, Diane Reider of Newark; Bobby Santos and Norma Gomez.

## SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES MEET TO PERFECT THEIR ACTIVITIES

**D**ECOTO — The Decoto and Niles Sheriff's Deputies met here Wednesday evening of last week to perfect their plans and organization with L. W. Musick, Decoto Chief presiding. Sector wardens were assigned and a census of occupants in every home in each Deputy's sector, with their names, was ordered made.

Some 35 citizens volunteered their services at the Decoto meeting, but had no assignment given them then.

The Alvarado Deputies held a similar meeting Thursday night with Chief James Wasley presiding.

Air Raid Wardens are now being appointed throughout the Township to assist the regular and special Deputies during blackouts or other emergencies, under orders from the Sheriff.

One hundred thousand volunteers are being organized by San Francisco's Civilian Defense Council.

## DEPUTIES SUBMIT MAPS

**C**ENTERVILLE — More than 100 of the Township's Sheriff's Deputies assembled here Monday night in the justice courtroom upon call of the Township Chief, Don Bates to organize further and make progress reports. Many community Chiefs submitted maps of their sectors and announced their individual censuses had been taken.

## ALVARADO C. C. SPONSORS NEW SCOUT TROOP

**A**LVARADO — The first anniversary meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce was held in the schoolhouse here last Thursday night with about 45 officers and members present.

All the incumbent officers and board of trustees were re-elected including Frank Machado, president, except Adam Lewis, who was elected secretary to succeed Publisher George Oakes, who was elected publicity director.

The chief business of the evening consisted of the body moving unanimously to sponsor and organize a Scout Troop in Alvarado, at the suggestion of Assistant Executive W. T. Lindsay of Niles.

About 20 boys are in prospect for the troop. The following officers were elected: Charles Baird, troop chairman; Joe Lewis, secretary, Anthony Silva, Scoutmaster, George Vargas and James Wasley, Jr., assistant Scoutmasters.

The Troop committee are Julian Yabut, Mike Gardetto, James Wasley, Jr., Manuel Perry, Tony Vargas, Frank Machado and A. J. Rogers.

The committee met Tuesday night for instructions and the troop will be organized soon after the first of the year.

## TONY MARTIN HEADS NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

**N**EWARK — The Newark Fire Department held their final meeting of the year Monday evening at the fire station with Henry Fields, presiding. The following officers were installed: Tony Martin, president; Jake Springer, vice-president; Manuel Santos, secretary; Orland Meneze, treasurer; and Joe Machado, sergeant-at-arms.

Two new members, Frank Gygax and Joe Calderia were initiated. These men received their badges and took their oath following installation of officers.

Chief Pashote instructed the firemen not to allow any person in the fire station during a blackout except persons connected with Civilian Defense.

## LIBRARY AT IRVINGTON IS CLOSED EVENINGS

**I**RVINGTON — Miss Florence Little who has charge of the Juvenile work at the County Library, conducted a story hour at the Irvington Branch Library on Saturday morning. The children who were present hope she will come again soon. A consignment of new books was received recently. The young people are enjoying Susie Stuart, M. D. Chandler; Ann Bartlett, Navy Nurse by Johnson; Roller Skates by Sawyer and a dozen others for younger readers. The popular new books for adults are: Stars Give Warning by Conrad; Between Two Autumns by Marks; Marriage is a Private Affair by Kelly; Junior Miss by Benson; The Harvest Waits by Pearson and No Love Lost by Reeves.

The library has been ordered closed evenings for the duration. It will be opened on Saturday afternoons instead.

## BELOVED RESIDENT PASSES IN SLEEP AT THE MISSION

**M**ISSION — The community was shocked and grieved to learn Thursday morning that one of its oldest oldtimers had passed away in her sleep at her home here on Ellsworth Street. Mrs. Elizabeth Guitadine better known as "Lizzie Murphy" to all her friends and neighbors slipped from this world very quietly.

"Lizzie" had spent a lifetime serving her fellow men as a practical nurse. For years she was with Dr. Grimmer on many of his cases. Her health had been bad for the past two years. She spent a part of her married life in San Francisco but later returned to her old home here. She leaves two sisters in Oakland and several children and many friends to grieve her passing.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Reverend Edwin T. Sherman, secretary of the Northern California Conference of the Congregational church will conduct the service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Niles Congregational Church.

## HERE'S A CHANCE FOR YOUTHS TO "SEE THE WORLD"

**H**AYWARD — The California Department of Employment office in Hayward is equipped to furnish information and application blanks to young men interested in the free courses in seamanship and in radio telegraphy being offered by the United States Maritime Commission. It was announced today by Walter Gamman, manager of the Hayward Employment office here.

"Our merchant marine is growing at the rate of a ship a day," he said. "Soon two ships a day will be launched. Good jobs on these ships, paying from \$72 to \$200 a month, including bonuses, await 40,000 young men, many of whom will be trained by the Maritime Service in schools and on training ships during the next 2 years.

"Every young man between the ages of 18 and 23, in good health, who would like to become a seaman or a ship's radio operator, should ask for information about these training courses at his local State employment office. Two years of high school education are required for the radio training course. Although a trainee is expected to serve on ships for at least a year after graduation, the Maritime Service is not an enlisted service.

"Enrollees receive pay while learning, a clothing allowance of \$100, and free transportation to a training school. These schools are situated in Boston, New York City, Port Hueneme near Los Angeles, and St. Petersburg, Florida."

## PIONEER LADY'S SUFFERING ENDS MONDAY MORNING

**O**AKLAND — Death came Monday morning to end five years of invalidism for Miss Annie Estelle Durkey, 73, a native of Warm Springs who had lived there nearly all her life.

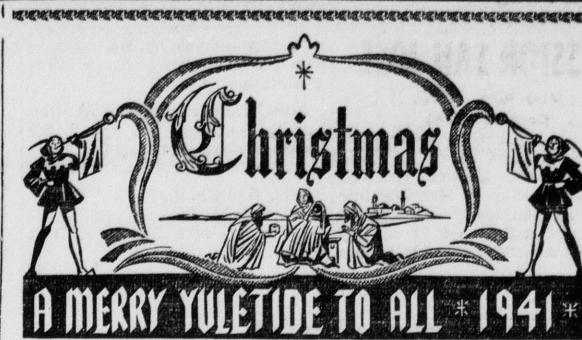
She had been staying in the home of two sisters, Misses Mabel and Lillian Durkey in Oakland, when the end came. Cremation was held Wednesday morning at the Chapelle Piedmont crematorium, and the ashes will be placed in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Irvington, where the family has a plot.

A daughter of the late George and Martha Durkey, Township pioneer residents, the Durkey and the W. A. Sloans had enjoyed their Christmas seasons together for the past 30 years.

## LIBRARY HOURS

**N**EWARK — Until further notice the Newark library will not be open evenings, but will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the afternoons from 2 to 5 as usual, and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4 to 6 to accommodate people who have been coming evenings for books. A shipment of new books was received recently by the librarian, Mrs. Josephine Doorley.

— Read the Editorials! —



MAY THE LIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR BRIGHTEN YOUR

CHRISTMAS SEASON THIS YEAR, WHILE IT SHEDS ITS EFFULGENCE OVER A WORLD THAT IS SO TARDY IN LEARNING THE WAY OF PEACE LAID DOWN TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. THIS IS THE HEARTFELT WISH OF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION, WHO JOIN IN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP DURING THIS AND OTHER YEARS.

## NILES MEAT MARKET

Arnold Bellini, Proprietor

## THE NILES MARKET

"The Red and White Store"  
Avilla and Duarte — Niles

## Christmas Happiness to You

**T**HE foundation of pleasure to extend our best wishes and renew our pledge of loyalty to those whose friendship we cherish. We say now, with the utmost fervor and sincerity, may your Christmas be truly happy and abounding in joyousness.

## CRANE GARAGE

Niles



**C**hristmas! The Season of Peace since the angel choir was first heard over the fields of Bethlehem! Even amidst the thunder of war the magic of Christmas has, during all the centuries, sent its streams of good will around the world.

During this Season of Peace we wish for you all the rich spiritual joys that are our divine heritage at Christmastime, with an abundance of material blessings, too.



For your many evidences of good will we thank you, and we look forward to a continuance of the happy relationship we have enjoyed in the past.

## EL PAJARO BEAUTY SHOP

Marjorie Moore  
Niles

## MISSION SAN JOSE

Miss Ruth Justus  
Correspondent

Mrs. Grace Meyers received word that her niece Mrs. Dominic Senseri of San Jose was the proud mother of a 6 pound 11 oz. boy born at the O'Connor Sanitarium

on Saturday morning. He has been named Frank Allen in honor of his grandfather.

Miss Virginia Lawrence went by bus to Sunnyvale to spend the holidays at the home of her sister Mrs. Leonard Amaral and family.

Mrs. Hannah Rose went for the holidays to the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Buck in Oakland.



Merry Christmas to All... 1941

OUR BUSINESS is dependent upon our many loyal friends who have favored us in many ways during the past year.

It may have been through your patronage... it may have been through a kindly word of recommendation on your part... but in whatever way you have favored us, we are grateful.

It is our sincere and ardent wish that each of you may receive the full blessings of a joyous Yuletide season.

## SPROUSE - REITZ STORE

Milton and Ethel Fournier  
Niles

1941



CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL

BRING in the Yule log, make the hearthfire glow, and let the spirit of joy be unconfin'd! It is Christmas... that magic time for all the world!

In this "happiest holiday season" we can only wish for you that the happiest possible Christmas joy be yours.

It has been a source of genuine pleasure to have served you during the past year, and we hope for a continuance of our friendly relations.

## AMERICAN GARAGE

Louis DiGuilio  
Niles

## TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Now... when echoes of the angel choir are heard throughout the land, it is time to pause and count our blessings. They are more numerous by far than we had imagined, for which we should be duly grateful.

And the employees and members of this concern are grateful to you for the happy relationship we have enjoyed during the year, and pledge ourselves to strive still more earnestly to deserve your continued friendship.

E. E. DIAS  
Contractor

Niles

THE TOWNSHIP REGISTER, NILES, CALIFORNIA

## Airplane Engines on Their Way to the Army



DEARBORN, Mich.—This is a corner of the Ford Motor Company's airplane engine plant, showing big Ford-built Pratt & Whitney airplane engines being packed for shipment to America's defense forces. Production of these powerful engines has been under way for several weeks at the new aircraft unit of the Ford Rouge Plant.

Miss Elizabeth Bettencourt was confined to her bed for a few days this past week, but is back at work in San Jose now.

Last Friday the old Mission San Jose De Guadalupe received a group of real Quakers from Illinois. They were dressed in typical Quaker costume. The men wore full beards and black frock coats and trousers. The women wore black dresses, bonnets and large shawls. The boys and girls were typically modern.

Edwin E. Freitas of Uncle Sam's Army has been transferred to San Diego camp according to word received by his aunt, Mrs. Rose Goularte.

Miss Hazel Semas spent a week in San Jose at the home of her aunt Mrs. Tony Silva.

FEDERAL CONTRACTS  
IN STATE PASS  
2 1/2 BILLION MARK!

SAN FRANCISCO — Recorded government contracts awarded in California for defense materials and construction have passed the \$2,500,000,000 mark, and California is moving toward operation on the basis of a war-time economy at an accelerated rate, Preston Hotchkiss of Los Angeles, first vice-president of the California State Chamber of Commerce, declared in a report on current economic conditions to the Chamber's Board of Directors.

During July and August, industrial activity, employment, and payrolls continued to rise, the report stated, although shortages of material and skilled labor are beginning to be felt. The consumer's rush to buy goods in advance of impending shortages and higher prices, during August, resulted in new high records of dollar volume of retail stores.

## ALLOW AMPLE SPACE

An important driving rule is never to drive too close to the car ahead, states the National Automobile Club. Motorists should allow ample space in which to maneuver if the car should suddenly stop or do something unexpected.

The Farallon Islands, 32 miles off the Golden Gate, have been included in the City and County of San Francisco since 1872.

## SERVICE MEN'S SPECIAL

One full year's subscription to

## THE TOWNSHIP REGISTER

For \$1.00 (half price)

For any man in the

## UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

— Sent anywhere in the United States or its Possessions —

Keep your son or brother in touch with events in  
Washington Township

— Walter Waynflete

Put Dimes into Defense Stamps. And put Dollars into Bonds. Buy now. Buy every pay day. Buy as often as you can. Don't take this lying down.

Mrs. Cassie Witherly who has been in San Leandro for several weeks returned to her home here for a few days before going to San Francisco to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cleverger and son Bobby.

Little Gary Phillip celebrated his second birthday on December 18 at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Phillips with his aunt Mrs. Meyers and children, Donnie, Richard and Evelyn as his guests.



This is the season for good cheer — fateful though 1941 has been. This is the season for peace in the hearts of men. May peace be yours always, is our wish in appreciation of your good will towards us.

WINTERS WELDING  
WORKS

Niles



## CHRISTMAS CHEER

To Everybody

We know the jolly little man from the North has not forgotten you.

And neither have we, for right here and now we are wishing you the merriest Christmas season ever, and adding our thanks for your interest and favors of the past year.

## NILES TAILOR SHOP

"Tom The Tailor"  
NilesThe Quickest, Surest Way  
YOU Can Help Win This  
War...Buy  
Def... — STAMPS  
Now!DON'T TAKE THIS  
LYING DOWN...

When men are fighting and dying, you must do your part. Be sure you enlist your DOLLARS for DEFENSE. Back our armed forces—and protect your own life—with every single dollar and dime you can.

America must have a steady flow of money pouring in every day to help beat back our enemies.

Put Dimes into Defense Stamps. And put Dollars into Bonds. Buy now. Buy every pay day. Buy as often as you can.



\* Against the background of Christmas is the ideal of a world at peace. This ideal has nourished the Christmas joy of countless millions since the days when shepherds first tended their flocks on the plains of old Judea.

\* It is this peace of spirit in all its fullness that we wish you now, as, mindful of a whole year of pleasant relations, we pause to express our appreciation.

\* May you all enjoy a truly Merry Christmas this season!

## SOLON BROS.

Cy and Leon  
Niles

## SANTA CLAUS "H. Q."

Santa Claus is making his headquarters in local postoffices. Smiling staffs are taking care of throngs of eager customers, who arrive with greeting cards and packages and depart with loads of the same. Santa is working hand in hand with Uncle Sam to keep his nephews and nieces merry this Christmas season.

Register advertisers appreciate your patronage.



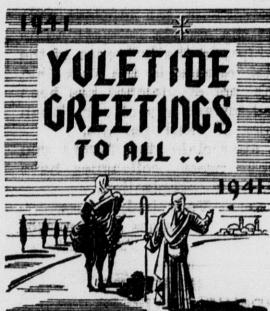
## TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Christmas is a sort of stopping place where weary travelers pause and forget the long miles that lie behind, and recall the faith and loyalty of friends who have made their way most pleasant.

Permit us now to thank you for your many favors and to wish you a delightful Christmas season.

## BERT'S BARBER SHOP

Bert Silveria, Prop.,  
Niles



'Tis Christmas! Our thoughts revert from the complicated to the simple, from the cares of maturity to the carefree thoughts of childhood, from the material to the spiritual.

'Tis Christmas! . . . time to count our many friends and recall the happy relationships we have had with them during the year . . . time to express our gratitude and to wish all our friends the choicest blessings the Yule season can bestow.

## JOE'S CORNER

Joe Viveiros, Prop.  
Niles



★ A star in the sky, new hope in the heart, and Christmas trees glowing from windows and out of doors.

A most appropriate time to thank you for your patronage, and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**FERNBROOK INN**  
Peerless Stage Depot  
Angelo Vallerga  
Niles

Wedding Unites  
Dr. John Rathbone,  
Miss Leona Solon

Miss Leona Edith Solon and Dr. John Streeter Rathbone were married Sunday at four o'clock at the Corpus Christi Church at Niles. Reverend Father Thomas Hennessey officiated at the ceremony. The bride's parents were married at the same church twenty five years ago.

After the wedding a reception was held at the bride's home for the wedding party and the members of the two families and a few intimate friends. Mrs. Clarence Crane was the organist and Mrs. Robert Vieux soloist. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Leon A. Solon. Miss Dorothy Curry of San Jose, a sorority sister of the bride was her only attendant. Best man was Robert Solon, brother of the bride. Ushers were Vernon Ellsworth of Niles, Dr. Howard Lang of Los Angeles, Clyde Voorhees of Centerville, and Dr. Dana Hamlin of Lafayette.

The bride wore a white satin gown with sweetheart neckline, leg-o-mutton sleeves, long bodice with full skirt and long train.

The long veil of white tulle was an over the face veil, which was worn by Mrs. Joseph Solon of Oakland, an aunt of the bride, thirty years ago. The bride carried her Mother's prayer book with orchid marker and streamers tied with lillies of the valley.

The maid of honor wore a blue marquisette gown of floor length and a coronet of flowers. The bride's going-away costume was green wool trimmed with brown squirrel and her accessories were brown.

The bride graduated from San Jose State College, where she was affiliated with the Phi Kappa Pi sorority, Black Masque, women's honor society, and Kappa Delta Pi, National Educational Honor Society. She is president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Washington Township.

Doctor Rathbone graduated from the University of California and is a member of Xi Psi Pi, dental fraternity and Epsilon Alpha, dental honor society. Following graduation he spent a year in the dental clinic at the Palama Settlement in Honolulu.

AIR RAID WARDENS BEING APPOINTED THROUGH TOWNSHIP

Numbers of Air Raid Wardens, to work under the Sheriff's Deputies in every sector of each community are now being or have been appointed and listed in the Sheriff's office. Deputy Detective Peter Starasnic advises this office.

Deputy Starasnic has been appointed liaison (contact) and information officer between the Sheriff's office in Hayward and Washington Township communities.

Local residents will become acquainted with this officer who is now on regular duty in Washington Township. He is not hard to recognize, as he closely resembles President Roosevelt!

## NILES LOCALS

Miss Rosemary McDonald  
Correspondent

A mechanical train, running through Christmas scenery attracts the youngsters (and the oldsters) to the street window of the Crane garage in Niles.

The Township Fire chiefs and firemen met Tuesday night at the Centerville Firehouse to receive further instructions from the County Fire Warden who works under the County Civilian Defense set-up.

Dr. Harley Gill, chairman of the Northern California Conference delivered a ringing message on the Church in a Warring World Sunday morning at the Niles Congregational Church, which was handsomely decorated with a lighted tree and greens and red bows.

Reverend Richard C. Day writes from his daughter's home in Pasadena that he is recovering rapidly and hopes to resume his duties as Pastor of the Niles Congregational Church soon after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank George entertained at a family dinner on Christmas Day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freitas and son of Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rose of Hayward and Mary Rose of San Leandro.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duffey entertained on Christmas day for Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Maphet and daughter Gayle and Mrs. Duffey's son, Sam Kearns of Brentwood.

Carol and Hugh Waynflete arrived via Streamliner at San Jose Monday afternoon from Santa Barbara County, to spend their Christmas vacation with their father, Walter Waynflete and family at Niles.

OFFICE CIVILIAN DEFENSE  
SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES  
NILES DIVISION

E. F. GLASSBROOK, No. 10 CMN., NILES 172 — Res. Hay, 26F4.  
JOHN A. PARRY, No. 1 SECTY., NILES 100  
FRED H. DUFFIE, No. 2, NILES 231.  
HENRY ENOS, No. 3, NILES 93J.  
Wm. HELM, No. 4, NILES 161.  
EVERETT MENDENHALL, No. 5, NILES 211W.  
L. A. SOLON, No. 6, Res. NILES 98 — Bus. NILES 191.  
E. DIXON BRISTOW, No. 7, Res. NILES 185 — School NILES 26.  
JACK E. COLEY, No. 8, Res. NILES 101F2 — Bus. Cen. 54.  
JOHN CATTANEO, No. 9, Res. NILES 246 — Bus. Cen. 54.  
A. M. ALVES, No. 11, Res. NILES 140 —  
Fire Chief, Bus. NILES 105.  
(Cut this out and paste it up by your phone.)  
(The above is for Niles residents only.)

KENNETH CALHOUN HEADS  
TANGLE & TWIST CLUB

MISSION — The Junior rifle team of the Tangle and Twist club had an election of officers at the club house at Newark on December 10 with President Robert Hunt presiding. The boys shot for medals to add to their collections before the election. Those who will hold offices for the coming year are; Kenneth Calhoun, president; Vice-president, Wayne Calhoun and Wesley Hammond, secretary and treasurer. Robert Hunt was elected as range officer to attend to matches with other teams and take care of scores and targets.

Mrs. Olive Trask spent Christmas with her sister in Petaluma.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Mohn had a family dinner on Christmas. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mohn and family of Irvington, Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers of Newark and Mr. Sam Anderson of Centerville.

Mrs. Rose Hunt of Van Nuys, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Wanda, Rowena, Jody, and Leonard Miller of Modesto will be guests of the E. A. Millers on Christmas day.

Miss Alice Smith of Colorado Springs, Mrs. J. R. Grace of San Leandro, and Mrs. J. Robbins of Berkeley were luncheon guests of Mrs. Tom Robbins on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Houghton have Mrs. A. J. Wilbe of Palo Alto as their house guest over the holidays. They also expect other members of their families from San Jose and San Francisco.

A new club was organized two weeks ago by the homemaking class at the high school. It has a membership of 177 students all cooperating in a worthy cause. So far the club has decorated the Christmas tree in the cafeteria and has started children's garments and has knitted sweaters for the Red Cross.

The Newark Sportsmen baseball team will resume play again Sunday in the Alameda county division Winter League when they tangle in the first game of the second half with the Hayward Acorns at the Newark school grounds, providing weather permits. The Sportsmen have been idle for two Sundays due to wet grounds. Melrose Boosters won the first half of this league.

R. J. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Royd Williams of Oakland are spending Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Truscott.

Mrs. Sylvan Peterson entertained at a Christmas party Sunday for her youngster. Many of his schoolmates were present.

The Newark School is supplying some sick and disabled people with food for Christmas, being delivered directly by the Red Cross.

The Westvaco Chlorine Products Corporation held their Christmas party at the Newark school Saturday. Following a brief program, toys and candy were distributed to the children by Santa Claus.

Mrs. Nancy Ramos and Mary Mattos of Hayward and Mrs. Lena Caldera of Newark visited a sick friend at the San Jose hospital this week.

Mrs. C. B. Overacker entertained her brother from San Jose and the Williamsons on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn are entertaining their family on Christmas. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Solinsky and children of Volcano.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shinn, Jr., have house guests this week.

Mrs. Agnes Nihill and Miss Celeste Bunker of Niles spent Christmas at the home of their brother, James Bunker in Oakland.

## NEWARK

Eugene Pashote  
Correspondent

The Newark Pavilion Board of Director made final arrangements for the New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by the board of directors and Jack Koln and his orchestra, who will provide the music for the evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Newark Fire Department held their second annual Christmas party Friday evening at the Newark Fire Station with Mary Menezie as chairman of the evening, assisted by Carolyn Pashote and Rose Costa.

Some of the Newark students completing the Autumn Quarter at San Jose State College now visiting with their parents over the holidays are Beth Musick, Shirley Bertolotti, Darlene Bolyard, Marvin Boyce, and Eugene Pashote.

Al Moran of Berkeley spent the weekend here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scott.

AVIATOR IS SAFE;  
TO BE DECORATED

Mrs. Sybil Tynan Tucker of Niles has received word that Gilmer Holton, whom she helped bring into the world at Charlotte North Carolina, now a lieutenant in the air service at Hawaii, is safe after participating in repelling the surprise Japanese attack of December 7.

The officer has been cited for decoration for bravery according to word received here by Mrs. Tucker. A letter she received from the officer's aunt, Mrs. Mary Holton of North Carolina says the radio reported the officer's safety shortly after the attack.

Members of the Girls League of Washington Union High school have signed up for defense work to assist in cooking, nursing and taking care of children. The members of the Boys League of Washington high school have signed up for first aid and fire fighting.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Stanley Remmelmeyer, and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wallace and Shirley Wallace were guests of the J. A. McDonalds on Christmas day.



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS in  
"the good old  
days" knew no  
bounds of joyousness.  
It is particularly  
gratifying to us that  
we number among  
our steady customers  
many who have been loyal  
since "the good old days."

To all of these, to all  
who have made our  
friendship since, and  
to all who read this  
message, we wish that  
good old-fashioned  
kind of Christmas  
which comes to mind  
when we think of "the  
good old days."

## WALTON'S PHARMACY

Niles

## GREETINGS



Christmas again! And  
as the glad chimes  
ring out we join in  
the general gladness  
to wish you and yours  
a more joyous and  
bountiful Christmas  
than ever.  
For your patronage  
we are deeply grateful,  
and we renew  
our pledge of full  
service for the future.

## CHAS. UNDERWOOD

Union Service Station

Niles



An old-fashioned Christmas . . . the kind of a Christmas that helped make the gay 90's gay . . . yes, the kind of a Christmas that the old family album could tell about so eloquently—that's the kind of a Christmas we wish for you and yours.

We're grateful for your patronage during the past year, and hope for a continuance of our pleasant relations.

## SANITARY DAIRY

M. Ramos, Manager

Phone 137 — Niles

Latest reports show Fresno County to have had the best grape season of record.

Now is the time for farmers to plan tree plantings, according to forestry specialists.

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WALTER WAYNFLEETE  
Editor and Owner



## THE SHERIFF AND THE D. A. ON THE JOB

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Sheriff Gleason did your editor the honor of telephoning last Friday afternoon to highly commend the Township's action in organizing its own compact civil disaster council to establish and coordinate all defense activities under the District Attorney, the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors.

He promised, busy as he is, to attend our permanent-organization meeting Sunday in Judge Norris' courtroom and especially requested His Honor be present. Re our Council he said "It is a fine thing to get going."

He also relayed the encouraging news that his office had written the Governor earlier in the week requesting that the Washington Township State Guard company be mustered in for duty guarding the Township's industrial plants engaged in making defense products.

Seventeen extra men have been added to the Hayward Sheriff's office he said, as added protection for Washington Township.

Sunday noon District Attorney Hoyt had your editor on the telephone for 20 minutes laying out the program for that afternoon's organization meeting of the Township Defense Council. He gave his entire approval to the undertaking and offered the services of his office in any way he could assist our local organization in safeguarding the property and lives of our Township's 13,300 citizens.

## "PENNY A PLANE CLUB"

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A bright individual last year developed the idea in a South American country of having club members drop a penny in a given receptacle every time an enemy plane was officially reported shot down.

When this "Penny a Plane Club" reached a membership of 50,000 persons, the monthly collections amounted to \$75,000, enough for the purchase of a British fighter plane.

Nearly all of the 203 citizens of a village called Marshall in Texas this week started such a club, and it is expected the quaint idea will sweep the country like wild-fire.

Billy Hogan, a telephone operator at Quincy, California Monday morning suggested every citizen buy a defense stamp and present it to Uncle Sam. By evening the postoffice and bank in this mountain county seat of 900 persons had cleaned out all the defense stamps in town, and the Richfield Reporter took it over the air state-wide Tuesday evening.

Funny little ideas like these, with their great popular appeal, will readily provide invaluable funds for national defense costs. — thus making fun out of a grim duty.

— Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps —

## SAFETY FIRST? OR MONEY FIRST?

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The Santa Clara County Sheriff and Coroner recently went before their board of supervisors with a request for additional deputies, cars and supplies for the sheriff's office, and more deputies for the coroner, the deputies to work without pay, during an emergency.

According to Monday's San Jose newspapers, the board flatly turned down all these defense requests, with the statement that the board would only act if ordered to do so by the federal government. . . . Since when has Washington directed any county board of supervisors how to proceed?

By contrast: the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has long since supplied our Sheriff with many additional full-time deputies, — 17 in the Hayward office alone — as well as much necessary equipment.

Apparently the war, with submarines operating only 40 miles off Santa Cruz, has not reached San Jose. Yet the army has quartered heavy artillery in the residential section of San Jose, as revealed in delightfully informative pictures.

The Santa Clara County's board of supervisors' position beggars understanding. When the enemy strikes it is too late for a board to meet and pass laws. Let us pray the penny-wise policy of the Santa Clara board does not contribute to a future tragedy.

Folks had best enjoy their "orgy" of spending this Christmas when money is still free and most anything can still be bought at stores at about the usual prices. Next Christmast . . . ?

## Editorial Page of the Township Register

## FUN ON THE SIDE . . .

Prior to the special session of the California legislature last Friday Attorney General Earl Warren challenged the governor's lawful right to declare a state of emergency existed in this state. . . Is it un-Californian for the head of our state government to follow the lead of the head of our national government? FDR declared a state of national emergency long before the congress declared a state of war.

Have the big newspapers gone psychic? Just one week before the treacherous attack on Hawaii The Honolulu Advertiser, largest daily paper there published an 8-column page one banner "JAPS TO ATTACK HAWAII WITHIN WEEK." The Japs must have "seen by the papers" because they attacked exactly one week later. How did the newspaper sense this attack before the army and navy authorities did?

Similarly psychic, The Oakland's Tribune's siren quit blowing its noon blast just a few days "B.W." The public was notified it would next be blown only for air raid warning . . . which occurred just a few days later. Thus does the "nose for news" become an invisible, but apparently accurate, instinct.

## JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS GRATEFUL

Washington Township Chapter  
P. O. Box 339  
Centerville, California  
December 18, 1941

Walter Waynflete  
Township Register  
Niles, California  
Dear Mr. Waynflete:

## A SUGGESTION

MASONIC HOME  
DECOTO, CALIF.  
DEC. 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Waynflete:  
A loyal member of the home, who through reading of the Township Register, commends the important war work you are doing requests me to send you a suggestion regarding the air raid warning system which seems to me worthy of consideration, providing, of course, the matter has not already been taken care of.

It is that in the extent of an air raid warning signal an arrangement be made immediately for a warning to be given by the Masonic Home's Steam whistle as there are usually persons who might not hear the other signals.

(Editor's note: this valuable suggestion may be referred to the Sheriff or the District Attorney for action.)

## MOTORISTS URGED TO CURTAIL THEIR NIGHT DRIVING

California owners of pleasure cars are asked by the Department of Motor Vehicles to curtail night driving to the absolute minimum until further notice.

This precaution, it was stated, is necessary to make blackouts more effective, to clear the roads for the movement of commercial and military vehicles and to reduce the possibility of accidents.

Night driving, Department officials said, should be engaged in only for the conduct of essential business. Whenever possible, trips should be arranged so that the motorist does not have to travel after nightfall.

Urban dwellers were urged to leave their cars at home and avail themselves of streetcars and buses when night trips are necessary.

## SEEK REPEAL OF \$5 AUTO TAX

Repeal of the annual Federal motor vehicle tax of \$5 is being sought by the board of directors of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, it is announced by Harold D. Weber, general manager.

Congressmen Albert E. Carter and John Tolan have been urged by the Chamber of Commerce to support H. R. 6012, which would eliminate the tax. Weber pointed out that the enforcement of the tax would be difficult and unreasonably expensive for the government.

## CHILDREN GIVEN AIR ALARM ORDERS

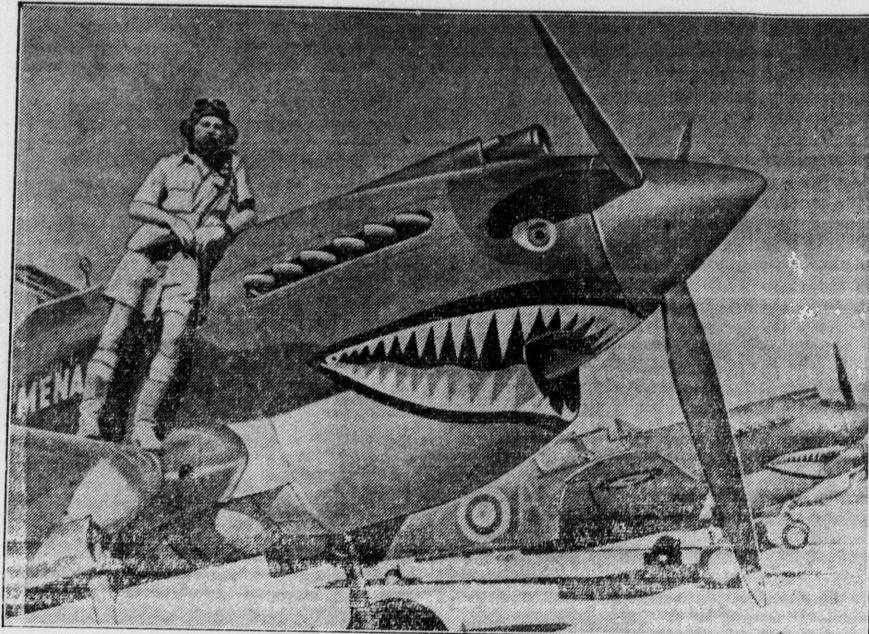
NEWARK—The Newark school has received its orders from Washington, D. C. for the Air Raid Warning signal which reads as follows: All students out in the playground at the time of an air raid signal are to line up out in the playground, and march to their individual classrooms. They are

to sit on floor away from windows, as fragments or flying glass may strike them. When the all clear signal is sounded they are to go about their work again as usual.

GOOD FRIDAY: It was on a Good Friday (why call it good?) that our Savior was crucified; it was on a good Friday Abraham Lincoln was assassinated; it was on a Good Friday we entered the former World War, April 6, 1917.

All that scrap-iron we so generously let the Japs have Japan is now firing right back at us . . . and how!

## The Better To Bite You With....



AMERICAN-BUILT Curtiss P-40 pursuit planes, which are now taking part in the fighting over Libya, have been decorated by their imaginative RAF pilots to resemble voracious sharks. These planes, called "Tomahawks" by the RAF, are the first U. S. fighter craft to be delivered to the British and Anzac forces in the Middle East in quantity, and they are proving themselves both efficient and tough. One look at them ought to be enough to make most Axis pilots wish they'd stayed home.

## STANDARD OIL CO. ASKS EMPLOYEES TO AVOID SPREADING INFORMATION

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The Standard Oil Company of California, through its President, H. D. Collier has issued the following statement to its employees:

Every member of this Company must do his utmost to help win this war. In every possible way we must aid the government and the military forces. One of the most important ways of contributing to success is to protect the Army and Navy by refraining from discussing their activities. We are in contact with the armed forces at many points. Our employees often observe Army and Navy activities. THESE THINGS MUST NOT BE REVEALED. Keep such information to yourself. Don't even tell your friends. A casual comment about the movement of ships, naval or merchant, or about the movement of troops might be of great value to the enemy and lead to disaster. Military authorities are pleading that the public refrain from gossip and the spreading of rumors."

"We have here a most serious duty. Therefore, my earnest request to all employees is to 'SERVE IN SILENCE. DON'T REVEAL MILITARY INFORMATION'."

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## BULLY BOYS!

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Commendation is heard in many quarters of the patriotic spirit shown by William Davis of Niles, president of the Drop Forgers and Steel Workers local, comprising 260 able-bodied men working at Pacific States Steel, who has volunteered the services of his "army" in any civilian defense capacity where they can be most effectively used.

It is expected this fine body of men can be used in bomb handling, as auxiliary firemen, as rescue and demolition workers, once our Township CDC (Civilian Defense Council) gets these activities organized and administered so as not to interfere with these men's defense manufacturing duties at the big steel plant, whether night or day.

## SINK THE ENEMY!

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If coastwise vessels which are fired upon by enemy submarines will turn their helms to the attackers, then immediately wire their position to the Fourth Interceptor Command it is to be expected our fighters and bombers can reach the scene in time to locate and sink the enemy varmints. Repeated action of this nature will soon clear up the submarine menace. The Japs know they have embarked on a "suicide war;" let's help them attain their objective!

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## SUBSCRIBE!

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Township residents can best keep in touch with local safety and defense activities by subscribing to The Township Register. The cost is but 4c per week, or 1/2c per page, which is cheap enough.

A review of the current year's subscription register shows that but SEVEN subscriptions were ordered discontinued, usually by persons living at a long distance from Washington Township.

To offset this, one finds 64 voluntary new subscriptions ordered and paid for, which is better than one per week. This does not include, of course, the hundreds of regular renewals by Satisfied Subscribers.

Your editor is always gratified when a subscription check falls out of his mail, and is grateful to the fine families of paid subscribers whose cash support makes this weekly newspaper business possible and successful. — W.W.

Isn't it about time for people to distinguish between the terms "air raid" and "air raid warning"? We have had two air raid warnings or alarms, but no air raids. Let's get the habit of saying "air raid warning" (or "alarm") unless and until we do have a real air raid.

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Official Washington seems to be so occupied ruing what happened at Pearl Harbor that it has not time left in which to send reinforcements to the hard-pressed Philippine defenders, nor rescue ships or planes to Wake Island's gallant defenders. Evidently American history has to have an Alamo every so often, so unborn Americans can have something to gloat over.

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Nomination for Last Man's Club: — Wake Island.



Rosy pictures are being painted in government reports and news dispatches of the new prosperity which has come to American agriculture.

Typical is a recent story out of Washington, based on figures released by the United States Department of Agriculture, which starts off with the following cheerful paragraph:

"With the current price level of farm products nearly 30 per cent higher than a year ago, it is estimated that the nation's farmers will have a 1941 income of close

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to \$11,300,000,000, or 6 per cent greater than in 1940. This figure would even exceed the pre-depression year of 1929, when farm income was \$11,221,000,000."

Emphasis is given, also, to the fact that California farmers, in many instances, are receiving prices for their products well in excess of the national average.

California prices, for example, are said to be 43 per cent higher for oranges than a year ago; for lemons, 50 per cent; for hogs, 64 per cent; for sheep, 32 per cent; for beef, 11 per cent; for butter, 27 per cent; for milk, 32 per cent; for eggs, 49 per cent; barley, 97 per cent, etc.

There are many other optimistic figures — all true, insofar as they go, but the truth of the matter is that they tell only part of the story.

Under the impetus of national defense spending and buying, consumer buying power has increased by leaps and bounds. Of that there can be no doubt. And as a consequence, commodity prices have resultant gains going to farmers.

This, too, is true: That, with all Europe and most of Asia fighting instead of producing, there is a tremendously increased demand for many American agricultural products — a shortage, in some cases, where a year or two ago there was over-production.

But farmers who went through the first World War boom-bust cycle — who saw prices skyrocket, temporarily, to unheard-of levels, only to have the bottom fall out of the market when the war ended — will doubtless view the present "boom" with a certain amount of conservatism, if not skepticism.

Without throwing cold water on the situation, these facts should be kept in mind:

1 — The gains in agriculture have been spotted gains, due in some instances to crop conditions and in others to abnormal demands growing out of a war economy.

2 — Prices for farm products have gone up, without question, but costs, in many lines, have gone

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TWO CZECHOSLOVAK ground crew men load a couple of Bundles for Berlin into the fuselage of their Wellington bomber, hoping to repay the Nazis for at least some of their acts of oppression in the "protectorate" of Bohemia-Moravia. The Czechoslovak Air Force now has a complete, independent bomber unit in operation from British soil and has participated in most of the recent, severe RAF raids on Germany.

up more than prices. Strikes and the decreased efficiency of farm labor, due to the fact that many farm workers have been lured away to temporary high - priced jobs in the aircraft factories and

shipyards, have both made for higher labor costs in the farming industry which have canceled out most if not all of the gains in prices.

3 — The national defense boom

is not a natural improvement in economic conditions; it is just another sample of "spending ourselves rich." The money being spent in machine shops and shipyards and factories is mostly money we haven't yet earned — which we must pay in taxes for years to come.

That may seem, at first glance, like a pessimistic appraisal. Actually it is not; it is just a realistic appraisal. Few farmers as yet have any conception of the increased tax load which they must carry in the months and years ahead. And the labor situation is due to get worse instead of better so long as the national defense "boom" continues.

This is not a time for farmers to go on a buying spree and purchase new automobiles or new tractors on the strength of the current improvement in prices. It is a time for farmers to look to the future through the eyes of experience — to pay their debts and save toward the inevitable rainy day that must follow. When the war is over, and a bankrupt world tries to turn its swords into ploughshares, agriculture will badly need an anchor to windward.

Building material for Old St. Mary's Church in San Francisco was brought both from China and around the Horn, in the 1850s.

Santa Clara County is the largest dried fruit packing and fruit canning center of the world.

"Son, observe the time and flee from evil" — inscription on clock in the tower of Old St. Mary's Church San Francisco.

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California farm income may exceed one billion dollars next year, according to expert predictions.

San Francisco's Stockton Street tunnel bores 911 feet through Nob Hill to connect the downtown district with Chinatown.

Mining tools used by James W. Marshall, discoverer of gold in

California, are on exhibit at the Museum of California history in San Francisco.

"Splinter protection", a new advance form of topside armor, is being installed on many ships of the U. S. Navy to protect gun crews, observers and signalmen.

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## DIAL TELEPHONE

The first dial telephone to be installed in Niles under the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's approaching change-over was placed on December 3 in the Fernbrook Inn, also known as the Peerless Stage depot in Niles. It cannot be used, however until about March 1. The new owner, A. Vallerga, distributed candy to children during the Christmas program at the Niles Grammar school last Friday afternoon, carrying on the work formerly enjoyed by his predecessor, the late D. M. Carvo.

## NILES CHAMBER HEARS OF OPM OFFICIAL'S VISIT

## TUESDAY MEETING SET TO OBTAIN FACTUAL DATE RE PRIORITY STATUS

A. L. Bailey, manager of the Canyon Heights Development company at Niles on Monday noon advised the Niles Chamber of Commerce after their luncheon meeting in the City of Florence Restaurant that a Mr. Brummel, representing the co-ordinator... O. W. Campbell, between OPM and FHA offices would be in Niles Tuesday morning to try and have certain Township Communities declared priority defense areas.

Mr. Campbell, who was leaving for Wyoming, called Mr. Bailey Monday noon and made an appointment for Tuesday at 9 o'clock at the Ellsworth company's office to meet representatives, particularly of the California Chemical company and Pacific States Steel, and the secretaries of Township Chambers of Commerce in order to ascertain:

1. The extent of plant expansions programs;

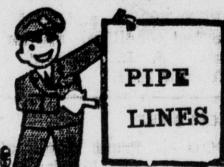
2. Number of new employees to be housed;

3. Number of present employees who cannot find housing in this Township; and similar factual data.

His office has the authority to award this area priority rating without waiting for Washington to act, according to Mr. Campbell. This latest development brings to a head the Niles Chamber's effort, begun early last fall, to have this area granted priority status.

(Editor's note: late last month Niles was designated one of the three Pacific Coast points for bashing scrap metal. This action was taken by Leon Henderson, chief of the Office of Price Administration. South San Francisco and Los Angeles are the two other Coast bashing cities.)

Secretary A. J. Petsche read a communication from the Township Red Cross chapter urging the quick raising of \$5,000 in Washington Township for Red Cross war use. President T. C. Wilson urged all



By Ernie Frick

Howdy Folks; Grandad was satisfied with a gig and a gal, dad wanted a flivver and a flapper and now son thinks he should have a plane and a Jane. What next?

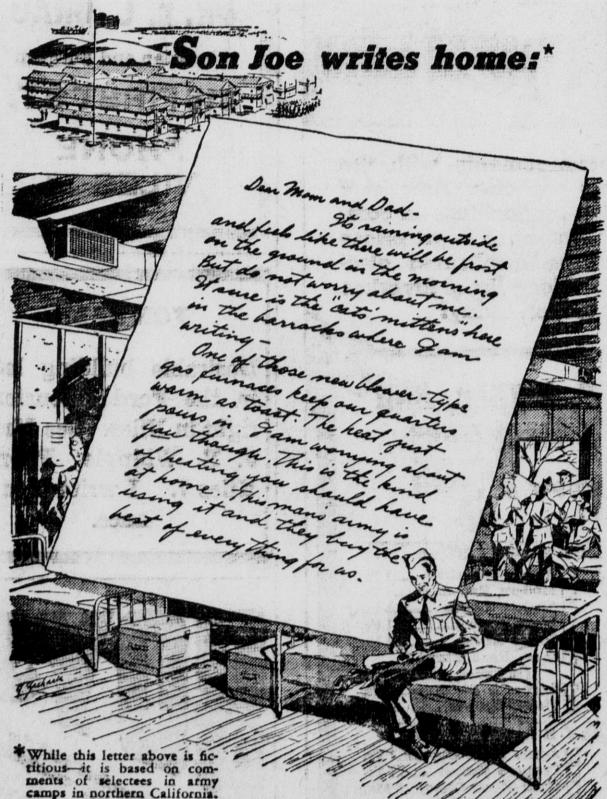
Speaking of girl friends, we might say that love is the only game that isn't called on account of darkness.

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Daisy Dope says that when a tired business man says his baby kept him up all night, he may not be telling a lie.

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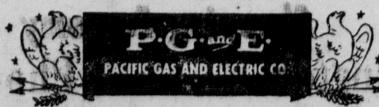
\*While this letter above is fictitious, it is based on comments of selectees in army camps in northern California.

## NATURAL GAS PROVIDES "HOMEY HEAT"

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## THE RED CROSS NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION

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Centerville, California  
December 19, 1941

To the Citizens of Washington Township  
Greetings:-

The President of National American Red Cross, Franklin D. Roosevelt, has issued a proclamation to the nation asking for immediate aid in the minimum sum of \$50,000,000. Oakland and the unincorporated area of Alameda County has been given a quota of \$250,000.00. This amounts to \$5,000 for Washington Township.

The President has asked that we set aside all previous precedents for giving and contribute generously to this great cause realizing that this area itself may soon be a target for enemy raiders and be in direct need of immediate assistance.

The Red Cross is the organized and experienced agency to meet the sudden calls for relief and has been so designated by the Federal Government. Prior to the recent disaster the Red Cross was spending a million dollars a month to prepare for the emergency that is now upon us. Already vast quantities of surgical dressings and medical supplies are on the way to the Hawaiian Islands. More will be needed. We should mobilize labor, industry, and all citizens in an all out effort to raise our quota as soon as possible.

Send your checks to your town chairman or send to L. C. Marriott, Treasurer, and the amount will be credited to your town quota. Every contribution is an enlistment in the defense of the United States from Barbarism. Let us not forget the slogan,

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Chairman - Washington Township

members to assist with the campaign and give liberally.

The secretary read a proclamation from Governor Olson urging chambers of commerce to aid in private and public saving of waste paper, cartons, magazines, newspapers, etc. as a national defense measure. The President said he understood Township Boy Scouts would undertake this activity.

R. C. Gray of the Mosquito Abatement district was present among the dozen members and the president invited Mr. Bailey to join the Niles body.

## OPM OFFICIAL SAYS NILES NEEDS "IS RECOGNIZED"

Meeting Tuesday morning at the Ellsworth company office in Niles Mr. Brummell, from the OPM-FHA Co-ordinator's office in San Francisco, contacted a small group of local citizens interested in having several Washington Township communities designated a "priority defense area." The official reviewed recent developments in local plant expansions, payroll increases, number of employees living outside the Township, etc.

Before leaving he said: "Niles and several other communities need for this special designation is recognized by our office, and possibly in a few weeks the desired designation can be assigned." Messrs. A. L. Bailey and Eric Stenhammar, local real estate developers "spark-plugged" this official's visit, in conjunction with the Niles Chamber of Commerce, which initiated this activity early last fall.

## RAIN...RAIN...

The seasonal total of rainfall locally which stood at 5.78 inches on Thursday of last week was boosted by heavy rains Monday midnight and a one-clap thunderstorm Tuesday afternoon. A total of .80 of

## COUNTRY DWELLERS MUST ARRANGE FOR SIREN WARNING

When District Attorney Hoyt was asked Sunday what dwellers who live out in the country or up Niles Canyon should do to be sure of hearing air raid alarms he said they should arrange with friends living within sure hearing distance of Township sirens to give them a telephone call.

Local calls are permitted during a blackout and responsibility for blacking out promptly is up to the country dweller as well as those living in towns. Co-operation all around is necessary during this emergency he said.

## NEW SEWING ROOM FORMS AT SCHOOL

DECOTO — A new Red Cross room was organized at the Decoto grammar school recently under the chairmanship of Mrs. Emma Amaral with 20 women present.

Meetings will be held each Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock and all women of Decoto who wish to help in the Red Cross program are invited to attend. Efforts are also being made to organize a class in home hygiene and care of the sick.

This brings the number of Red Cross sewing rooms in the township to six, others with their chairmen being Niles, Mrs. A. M. Alves; Centerville, Mrs. Fritz Waltenberger; Alvarado, Mrs. Rebecca Logan; Newark, Mrs. Lesda Brown and Irvington, Mrs. Carl Christensen. Mrs. F. V. Jones is general chairman.

An intention to wed for Ruth Ann Meek of Niles and Pete Gilli of Decoto was published Tuesday.

rain fell locally between Thursday of last week and Wednesday morning of this week, bringing the seasonal total here to 6.58, according to records kept at the Southern Pacific depot in Niles.

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## Coming Events

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SUNDAY

Afternoon: Newark Sportsmen play Hayward Acorns at Newark School, weather permitting.

2 p.m. Miss Huddleston's dance program at Niles Grammar school, postponed from last Sunday. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY

9 p.m. New Year's Eve dance at Newark Pavilion.

## CHILDREN FILL NILES THEATRE AT XMAS PARTY

The Niles Theatre, through the courtesy of Manager Bill Helm, and the Niles Junior Chamber of Commerce held their annual Children's Christmas party Wednesday afternoon with the showhouse filled to the doors as usual.

Nine reels of animated cartoons and other shorts which keep the children squealing, filled two delightful hours, following which a bag of candy, with an apple or orange was distributed to each child present.

This is an annual event, conducted with the compliments of the management.

The Newark School is supplying the Red Cross with cots and white rags for bandages during the national emergency period. This equipment was asked for by Principal Jack MacGregor of the Newark School, fearing that such equipment may be needed here to treat wounded soldiers and to give them first aid.

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